## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information processing method for processing a file containing reversibly compressed or non-5 compressed digital image data obtained by digitally converting a signal that has been output from an image sensing device makes it possible to execute selectively signal processing of a plurality of types by using any of at least a plurality of types of 10 luminance signal generating processing methods and/or a plurality of types of color signal generating processing methods for converting the digital image data contained in the file to data having a prescribed format. The method includes automatically selecting 15 signal processing to be used from among the plurality of types of signal processing based upon information contained in the file, and causing the selected signal processing to be executed so that the digital image data contained in the file is converted to data having the prescribed format. 20